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Spinning mills

* 492 *Q.*—Sri T. T. DANIEL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to start a Co-operative Spinning Mill for the benefit of the handloom weavers in the Kanyakumari district?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : A proposal to start a Co-operative Spinning Mill in Kanyakumari district is under examination.

* 493 *Q.*—Sri N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representations from the Co-operative Weavers' Societies of Erode taluk to start a Co-operative Spinning Mill in Erode taluk during 1960 as there are large number of weavers in Palladam, Erode and Gobichettipalayam taluks; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The application will be dealt with in the usual course.

* 494 *Q.*—Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of spinning mills established and to be established in the co-operative sector;

(*b*) the number of spindles in each; and

(*c*) the number of workers employed and to be employed in each?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) Licences have been granted for starting four Co-operative Spinning Mills in the State. A Co-operative Spinning Mill at Pettai has started production in 1958, two mills at Srivilliputhur and Nazereth are under construction. The fourth one at Salem is in the preliminary stage.

It is tentatively proposed to establish four Spinning Mills in the Co-operative sector during the Third Plan Period.

(*b*) South India Co-operative Spinning Mills, Pettai—16,000 Spindles.

Ramanathapuram Co-operative Spinning Mills, Srivilliputhur—12,000 Spindles.

Tiruchendur Co-operative Spinning Mills, Nazereth—12,000 Spindles.

Salem Co-operative Spinning Mills—12,000 Spindles.

A licence has been granted for another Co-operative Spinning Mill at Kancheepuram recently.

(*c*) 544 permanent and 38 temporary workers are employed in the South India Co-operative Spinning Mills. There is no scope to employ more workers in this Mill, at present. The question of employment of workers in the other three mills does not arise now.

Sri T. T. DANIEL : May I know whether it is the policy of the Government to have at least one spinning mill in each district?

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The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : If that is to be the standard, there is already a spinning mill in Kanyakumari but that is not the only standard. We want to have as many mills as possible.

Sri N. K. PALANISAMI : There are large funds available with the Societies in the Erode taluk and why not the Government set up a spinning mill there?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : In the matter of organising a co-operative spinning mill, it is not the lack of funds but it is the lack of spindles and that is the main bottleneck. Actually we have far, far exceeded the number of spindles orginally allotted to us. Therefore, until the Third Plan allocation takes place, it will be very difficult to get more spindles now.

Sri SOWDI S. SUNDARA BHARATHI : As the Hon. Minister himself has expressed several times that the handloom weavers should not depend upon the handloom in future for their subsistence, will the Government encourage such handloom weavers who come forward to start spinning mills on a co-operative basis?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : The Government are advising all the new Spinning Mills to give preference to the handloom weavers in the matter of recruitment. In the co-operative spinning mills we are giving preference to the handloom weavers for employment. I think these two steps will go a long way to give alternative employment to the handloom weavers.

Sri A. A. RASHEED : What is the number of spindles that has been sanctioned for the proposed mill at Conjeevaram?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : 12,000 spindles.

Last Grade servants

* 495 *Q.*—Sri N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a deputation on behalf of the Madras State Last Grade Servants' Association submitted a memorandum to the Chief Minister and to the Minister for Finance on 18th November 1960, regarding their demands and service conditions: and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The requests contained in the memorandum of the Madras State Last Grade Servants' Association are being examined by the Departments of the Secretariat concerned.

Sri N. K. PALANISAMI : Sir, May I know whether any decision has been taken in the matter?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : No. Sir.